# **FISCAL NOTE**

# HB 411 - SB 479

February 17, 2005

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Imposes Class E felony designation for simple possession or casual exchange of a controlled substance when a person has two or more prior convictions for the manufacture, delivery, sale, or possession of a controlled substance.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

### Increase State Expenditures - \$37,000/Incarceration\*

# Assumptions:

- Seven additional Class E felony convictions for simple possession when a person has two or more prior misdemeanor or felony convictions involving controlled substances.
- Current law elevates only the third offense for simple possession and casual exchange to a Class E felony based upon two or more prior convictions for simple possession or casual exchange.

\*Section 9-6-119, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director